



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Installation of the Atlas Peak Remote Automated Weather Station		
PROJECT LOCATION	Private property - legal description: Section 11, T7N, R4W, MDBM	COUNTY	Napa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A structure will be erected to house a remote automated weather station (RAWS) for fire weather monitoring/prediction. The structure consists of four legs that support a 20-foot antenna built of small-gauge pipe materials. The antenna structure will also support the placement of computerized sensing devices. Since the structure is built on four legs, minimal ground disturbance is anticipated. The location is on private property within an existing cleared rocky outcrop and is accessed by an existing, dirt, ranch road. The vegetation in the project perimeter is minimal due to the maintenance of the clearing and consists of grass and forbes surrounded by chaparral. There are no watercourses in or near the project area.

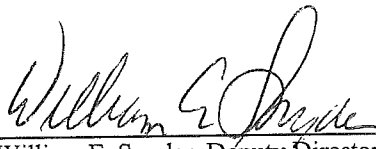
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 /15303 New construction of small structure
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest, 500 Forestry Road, Cobb CA.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 9/13/10
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